

NICHOLVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

June 30, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 44512th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

ATTENTION: WIRELINE COMPETION BUREAU

RE: Form 481 ETC filing pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 Connect America Fund WC Dockets 10-90, 11-42 and 14-58 Nicholville Telephone Company, Inc. (SAC: 150108)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Sections 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.422 of Commission's Rules, Nicholville Telephone Company, Inc. SAC 150108 is filing its Form 481 High Cost and Low-Income Annual Report.

Nicholville Telephone Company, Inc. seeks confidential treatment under the Protective Order in this proceeding for Section 54.313(f)(2) financial information in the 481 filing, and for Section 54.202(a) 5-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan portion of the 481 filing pursuant to the attached Request for Confidential Treatment as provided for under 47 C.F.R. § 0.459 of the Commission's Rules.

Pursuant to the Protective Order, one copy of the confidential document and two copies of the redacted version are provided. The Redacted version is also being filed on the Electronic Comment Filing System.

Please address any correspondence regarding this transmittal to my attention at the address below, or by phone at 315-328-5333.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. McGrath Vice President

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Enclosures

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
)
Connect America Fund) WC Docket No. 10-9
)
Lifeline and Link Up Reform and) WC Docket No. 11-4
Modernization)

Request of Nicholville Telephone Company, Inc. For Confidential Treatment

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 0.459 of the Commission's Rules, Nicholville Telephone Company, Inc. requests confidentiality with respect to the submission of the Five-Year Build-Out Plan of Nicholville Telephone Company, Inc. in WC Docket No. 10-90 and WC Docket No. 11-42.

The following information is submitted pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(b) of the Commission's rules:

- (1) Nicholville Telephone Company, Inc. requests that the Company's Five-Year Build-Out Plan and Narrative Description and attached herewith be given confidential treatment.
- (2) The Company's Five-Year Build-Out Plan and Narrative Description are submitted to the Commission pursuant to the USF/ICC Transformation Order (November 18, 2011) and 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.202(a)(1)(ii) and 54.313(a)(1).
- (3) Specific details, including financial, contained in the Company's Five-Year Build-Out Plan and Narrative Description are confidential commercial information routinely withheld from public inspection in accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 0.457(d).
- (4) The information contained the Company's Five-Year Build-Out Plan and Narrative Description is of both a financial and competitive nature regarding the provision of telecommunications services. The telecommunications industry is highly competitive.
- (5) The financial and competitive information provided herein is information that would not customarily be released to the public. Due to the competitive environment of the marketplace, release of this information could substantially harm Nicholville Telephone Company's business and physical infrastructure.
- (6) In order to prevent unauthorized disclosure of the subject information, the attached Five-Year Build-Out Plan and Narrative Description are being filed via express delivery service.
- (7) The subject information is not available to the public or any third parties.

- (8) Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 0.457(d), the subject material is not routinely available for public inspection and should continue to be withheld from public inspection at any time now or in the future.
- (9) Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey S. McGrath

Vice President

Nicholville Telephone Company, Inc.

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June 30, 2016

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<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	jmcgrath@slic.com	
	Form Type	54.313 and 54.422	

	ervice Quality Improvement Reporting ollection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no)	
<1112>	If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service. Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.	150108ny112.pd	df
	Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to cont that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its fix service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.	ve-year	Name of Attached Document
<113> <114> <115> <116> <117> <118>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets Report how much universal service (USF) support was received How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	prove service coverage Yes	

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ATTACHMENT – LINE 112

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(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)	FCC Form 481
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							Customers	(Yes / No)	all that apply)	(Yes / No)	Resolution	Procedures
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	-	Namo	e of Attached Document		
<320>	Unfulfilled service request (broadband)		60		
		150108ny330.pdf			
<330>	Detail on attempts (broadband)				_
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Detail on Attempts (broadband) FCC Form 481, Line 330

Nicholville Telephone Company received sixty (60) requests for broadband (DSL) service during the 2015 calendar year, but was unable to provide broadband service to them due to their copper loop lengths of over 32,000 feet from the Central Office (CO).

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers	FCC Form 481
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•	npliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules ection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer pro-	otection rules Yes	
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Ru	150108ny510.pdf ules Compliance	

Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance FCC Form 481, Line 510

The company complies with applicable service quality standards and consumer protections by (1) maintaining and submitting monthly trouble report data to the New York State Public Service Commission ("NYPSC"); (2) reporting major service interruptions to the NYPSC in a manner consistent with its guidelines; (3) filing local service tariffs with the NYPSC and making rate and service information available to the public upon request; (4) clearly listing all charges and credits on customers' bills; (5) providing full and prompt investigation of, and response to, customer complaints; (6) providing access to enhanced 911 emergency report centers; (7) participating in statewide system for the hearing impaired; (8) complying with federal CPNI rules and other applicable consumer privacy protection requirements, including training of employees that have access to CPNI on the rules and procedures for protecting account information and authenticating callers; and (9) implementing procedures that are consistent with the FTC's guidance on measures to detect/prevent identity theft (Red Flag).

The company received a commendation from the NYPSC in recognition of its high quality of telephone service in 2015.

	unctionality in Emergency Situations ollection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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Functionality in Emergency Situations FCC Form 481, Line 610

Nicholville Telephone's switches and remote locations all have battery back-up. The

remote locations are capable of being backed-up with portable generators. The switch

locations are equipped with stand alone generators.

Nicholville Telephone's network has been constructed using fiber optic rings in the back

bone to ensure redundancy and rerouting capabilities in the event of damage to the

network.

Nicholville Telephone's network has also been designed with excess capacity to handle

increased traffic during emergency situations.

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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	.				Residential Local			Mandatory Extended Area	
-	State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fees
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(710) Broadbrand Price Offerings	FCC Form 481
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(800) Operating Companies		FCC Form 481
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Jeff McGrath 3153285333 ext.

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	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
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	bal Lands Reporting Ilection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 30 July 2013	060-0819
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<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation	Name of Attached Document	
to confi	company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes from the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, strates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to 3(a)(9) includes:	Select Yes or No or Not Applicable	
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Description of Voice Services Rate Comparability FCC Form 481, Line 1010

The Wireline Competition Bureau announced on April 5, 2016 the results of the 2015 urban rate survey for fixed voice services, which is also used to determine the reasonable comparability benchmark for voice services for incumbent eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs).

Based on the survey responses, the Bureau calculated the reasonable comparability benchmark for voice services to be \$41.07. For purposes of the reasonable comparability benchmark, the Bureau concluded that the rates of all local flat-rate providers (both ILEC and non-ILEC providers) and, consistent with existing precedent, federal SLCs, should be included. The purpose of the reasonable comparability measurement is to ensure that rural rates do not significantly exceed urban rates.

When comparing Nicholville Telephone Company services with this benchmark of \$41.07, which includes the federal SLC, all company exchanges are found to be below this benchmark. Therefore, the Company has rates which are below the applicable national average urban rate for voice service. See chart below.

	Residential	Federal	Total	
Exchange	Service Rate	SLC	Local Rate	
Nicholville	\$22.67	\$6.50	\$29.17	
Winthrop	\$23.00	\$6.50	\$29.50	

¹USF/ICC Transformation Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 17694, para. 84.

Description of Broadband Services Rate Comparability FCC Form 481, Line 1030

Rates in Effect as of: 1/1/2016

Residential Rate	State Regulated	Total Rate	Download	Upload Speed	Usage
	Fees		Speed (Mbps)	(Mbps)	Allowance,
					if applicable
					(GB)
\$39.95	0.00	\$39.95	6	1	Unlimited

As demonstrated in the above table, the Company's broadband service pricing is no more than the applicable benchmark (Reasonable Comparability Benchmark) of \$73.54, as published annually by the Wireline Competition Bureau, or is no more than the non-promotional price charged for a comparable fixed wireline service in urban areas.

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<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	Yes	
<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	kbps	

(1200) Te	rms and Condition for Lifeline Customers			FCC Form 481
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	(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must			
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	telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	النا		
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	V		
\1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,			
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	'		

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Nicholville Telephone Company, Inc.

Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephone Lifeline Plans FCC Form 481, Line 1210

New York State Telecommunications Association, Inc.

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SPECIAL EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS

A. LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE

- 1. Lifeline Telephone Service Options
 - a. Description
 - 1. Lifeline Discounted Service

This service provides a flat rate federal discount of \$9.25, consisting of a \$6.50 reduction of the Federal Subscriber Line Charge and a \$2.75 reduction in the monthly rate for local exchange telephone service for residential customers. Qualified customers may choose any type or grade of local telephone service, including bundled services that are normally offered by the Company.

1 A. Additional Lifeline Discount

This service provides the discount as outlined in A.1.a.1 above and may provide an additional discount equal to the serving company's increase in residential basic local exchange service, as authorized by the NYS Department of Public Service in Case No. 07-C-0349, released March 4, 2008, whereby the NY Commission authorized certain companies to increase basic local service rates up to \$2.00 per year for 2 years. The discount can be found on Addendum 1 of the individual Company tariff for those companies offering the Additional Lifeline Discount.

Date Issued: May 30, 2012 Date Effective: July 1, 2012

Issued by: Caroline Hill, Director Tariffs

NYSTA, Inc., 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY 12210

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A. LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE

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Issued by: Caroline Hill, Director Tariffs

NYSTA, Inc., 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY 12210

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SPECIAL EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS

A. LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE (cont'd)

- 1. Lifeline Telephone Service Options (cont'd)
 - b. General

Qualified customers may choose to apply the federal Lifeline credit to any of the company's local service offerings, including any local bundled service offering, basic local service, or message rate service. Message rate Lifeline service is available only where central office facilities permit. For connection of new service, service connection charges apply unless the customer qualifies for connection assistance under the Tribal Lands Link Up program.

Service connection charges do not apply to change existing service from:

- 1. Message or flat rate services to Lifeline service.
- 2. Lifeline service to non-Lifeline services.

Issued in Compliance with FCC Order in Dockets: WC Docket No. 11-42, WC Docket No. 03-109, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 12-23

Date Issued: March 29, 2012 Date Effective: April 29, 2012

Issued by: Robert R. Puckett, President

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SPECIAL EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS

A. LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE (cont'd)

2. Regulations

a. These services are restricted to low income residential customers. To qualify for Lifeline service a customer must certify and provide documentation as income eligible. For a consumer to be eligible under the income requirements, the consumer's household income as defined in § 54.400(f) of the FCC Rules must be at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of that size or a recipient of benefits from any one of the following Entitlement Programs:

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- 1. Medicaid:
- 2. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) F/K/A Food stamps;
- 3. Supplemental Security Income;
- 4. Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8);
- 5. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
- 6. National School Lunch Program's free lunch program;
- 7. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/SafetyNet; (C)
- 8. Veterans Disability Pension
- 9. Veterans Surviving Spouse Pension

Issued in Compliance with FCC Order in Dockets: WC Docket No. 11-42, WC Docket No. 03-109, CC

Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 12-23

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SPECIAL EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS

A. LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE (cont'd)

- 2. Regulations (cont'd)
 - b. The Lifeline discount is effective upon receipt of a completed form of eligibility. If the form is not returned, no further action is taken by the Company to establish eligibility.
 - c. The Company, in coordination with appropriate agencies and the Lifeline Customer, will require Lifeline customers to be re-certified, on an annual basis. Lifeline customers will need to certify that they continue to be eligible to receive these Lifeline benefits and that they are not receiving benefits from another company. If, a customer is identified as being ineligible, the customer will be notified that unless the information is shown to be in error, the Lifeline discount will be discontinued. The customer will be billed for discounts received for the time that they were proven to be ineligible for the service.
- Locality Charge Waiver
 Customers receiving Lifeline Telephone Service will have applicable locality charges waived each month while they are receiving the Lifeline Assistance.
- Voluntary Toll Blocking (Restriction)
 Customers receiving Lifeline service can voluntarily request and receive toll blocking (call restriction), third number billing/collect call restriction without a monthly charge. There will be no record order charge to add these types of restrictions (blocking).

Issued in Compliance with FCC Order in Dockets: WC Docket No. 11-42, WC Docket No. 03-109, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 12-23

Date Issued: March 29, 2012 Date Effective: April 29, 2012

Issued by: Robert R. Puckett, President

NYSTA, Inc., 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY 12211

Company Name: Nicholville Telephone Company, Inc.

Calendar Year: 201

Lifeline Services Offered by Telephone Company

Service Name	Non-Discounted Rate	Total Minutes Provided	Description of Additional Toll Charges (if any)	Lifeline Rate
Private Line 328 Exchange	\$22.67	flat rate local	not included	\$9.92
Private Line 389 Exchange	\$23.00	flat rate local	not included	\$11.06

Any bundled service that includes local telephone service is also made available to lifeline customers. The associated price would include the same lifeline discount(s) identified above.

(2000) Price C	Cap Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
Data Collection	on Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
Including Rate	e-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	July 2013
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	gram Year 2017	
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	ntact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 3153285333 ext.	
<039> Cor	ntact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> jmcgrath@slic.com	
		pient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions,
and Conne	ect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information	ation reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.
Inc	cremental Connect America Phase I reporting	
<2010>	2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1	
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	2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental	
	Support	
<2011>	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1	
	2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental	
	Support	
<2022×	Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of	
<2022>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in	
	question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives	
	Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for	
	projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4	
	Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.	
-2022 5		
<2023>	The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of	
	capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect	
	America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census	
	blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two -	
	54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	
Z2024As		
<2024A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	
<2024B>	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year	Name of Attached Document Listing
	two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	Required Information
<2025A>	Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	
-2023/7/	2 57 Houris 2 Hoofpierit of more mental support.	
4202ED:	Attack accorded information for Direct will store accorded to	Name of Attached Decument Listing
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for	Name of Attached Document Listing
	year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC	Required Information
	Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-	
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)	
~ZU1J/	2010 and ratare 1102en Support Certification 47 en (3 04.010(4)	

Data Collection For	rrier Additional Documentation (Continued) m eturn Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013	
<2016>	Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)} Certification support used to build broadband		
	: America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}		
<2017A>	Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?		
<2017B>	Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
<2018>	cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015. Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
<2019>	Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)		
<2020>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)		
<2021>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)		
<2026>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)		
<2027>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)		

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
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	July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	150108
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	3153285333 ext.
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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan		
(3009)	Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)		
(3010A)	Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}	Yes - Attach Certific	150108ny3010.pdf
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	Not Applicable - No Attachment Required	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier $\{47\ CFR\ \S\ 54.313(f)(2)\}$	(Yes/No)	
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	
(3015)	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports	~	
	(Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		150108ny3017.pdf
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:	(Yes/No)	
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:		
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	

MILESTONE CERTIFICATION (Line 3010) As required by 47 C.F.R. Section 54.313(f)(1)(i):

l certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier and that the carrier has taken reasonable steps to provide, upon reasonable request, broadband service at actual speeds of 6 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), and usage capacity that is similar to reasonably comparable offerings in urban areas, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

Name of Reporting Carrier:

Nicholville Telephone Company, Inc.

Signature of Authorized Officer:

Date: 6/30/2016

Printed Name of Authorized Officer: Jeffrey S. McGrath

Title of Authorized Officer:

Vice President

Study Area Code:

150108

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ATTACHMENT – LINE 3017

ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY

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Financial Data Summary – LINES 3017-3034

(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

relevant geographic area.

if yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.		
4003b . Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (par	agraph 80)	
4004a . Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
4004b . Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	

Certification - Reporting Carrier	FCC Form 481
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier: NICHOLVILLE TEL CO

Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE Date 06/30/2016

Printed name of Authorized Officer: Jeffrey McGrath

Title or position of Authorized Officer: Vice President

Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 3153285333 ext.

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 150108 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016

Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

	ion - Agent / Carrier ection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

I certify that (Name of Agent)is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.					
Name of Authorized Agent:					
Name of Reporting Carrier:					
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date:				
Printed name of Authorized Officer:					
Title or position of Authorized Officer:					
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:					
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:				

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent	Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipien	nts on Behalf of Reporting Carrier		
	norized to submit the annual reports for universal service support r reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
Name of Reporting Carrier:				
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:				
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:		Date:		
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:				
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agen	i			
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of A	gent:			
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(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data	FCC Form 481
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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date 1/1/2016	

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<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

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				Residential Local			Mandatory Extended Area	
State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fees
NY	315/328		FR	22.67	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.67
NY	315/389		FR	23.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.0

(710) Broadband Price Off	ering
Data Collection Form	

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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service -Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select}
	NY	315/328	39.95	0.0	39.95	6.0	1.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance
	NY	315-389	39.95	0.0	39.95	6.0	1.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance

(800) Operating Companies	FCC Form 481
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Nicholville Telephone Company, Inc.	
<811>	Holding Company	Nicholville Telephone Company, Inc.	
<812>	Operating Company	Nicholville Telephone Company, Inc.	

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